Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 19 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the preferred embodiment the system is aware by various switch positions but without the use of EPROMs (Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory) or other memory or programming means, of at least three distinct states that are known to vary over time. These distinct states are vessel storage, vessel load/unload and vessel launch/retrieve. While the wiring and status of the various inter-related switches and circuits is specified below, these are preferred, and it is recognized that wiring and status of the inter-related circuits and switches could be executed differently with the same result and such combinations and permutations are included.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 1, the transmitter module has at least three buttons 71, 72, and 73, with each button a part of a separate but related electrical circuit. To aid the operator during night-time operation, these buttons may be illuminated. The illumination may be by LED (Light Emitting Diode), incandescent, or other device. The buttons may be labeled verbally or have a depiction of an arrow

pointed in one direction and another button with an arrow pointed in the opposite direction and the third button may be labeled AUTO. Or the buttons may have the terms storage, launch/retrieve, and load/unload labeled on the transmitter module. There may be more than three buttons on the transmitter, eg., five, to perform all the functions desired.

Please add the following paragraph at page 8, after line 5:

An independent safety circuit is also provided. The safety circuit is operatively connected to the control module 15. The safety circuit is provided with safety switches to prevent the cradle from extending above the storage state or extending below the launch/retrieve state. One of the safety switches 18 is shown in Fig. 2. When either of the safety switches have been energized a signal is sent to the control module to disregard the signals sent from the level sensing module and disconnect the power source.